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SUBJECT: GUATEMALA ON AUG 28 CHAVEZ SOCIAL CHARTER EVENT

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Classified By: CDA Bruce Wharton for reasons 1.4 (b) & (d).

1. (C) Guatemalan MFA official told polcouns that FM Briz declined to accept Venezuela's invitation to attend August 28 Social Charter event. MFA instructed Guatemala's ambassador in Caracas, Ivan Espinoza, to attend the GOV-hosted meeting "in a listening mode."

2. (C) Polcouns made other reftel points; in response, MFA official noted that Chavez likely would not succeed in hijacking the Social Charter negotiation process, since there already were other proposals on the table, including Chile's, Mexico's and Central America's.  
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